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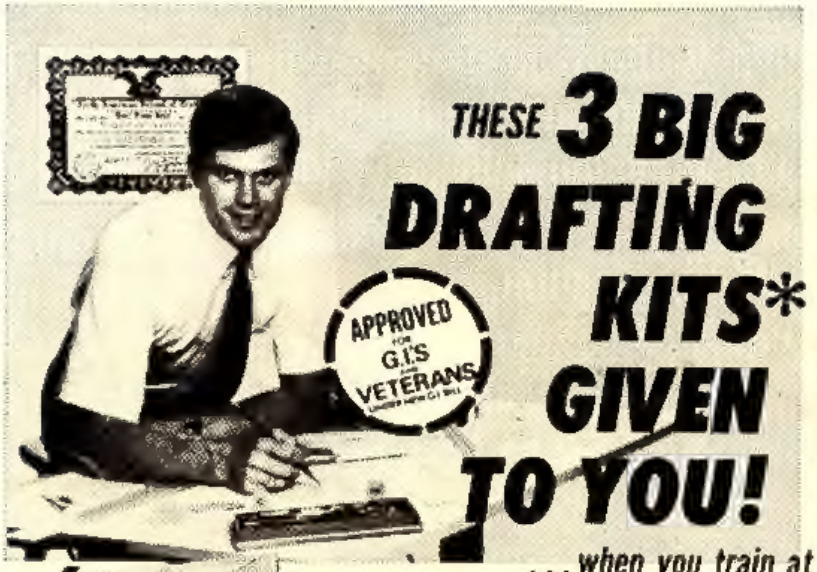

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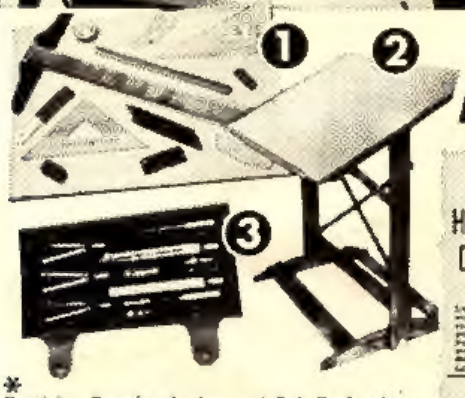

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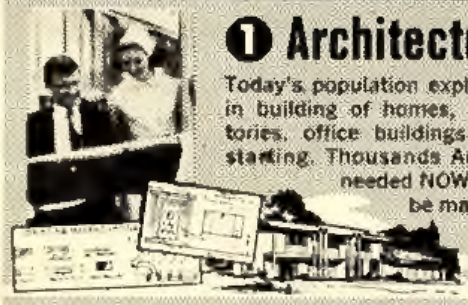

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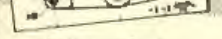

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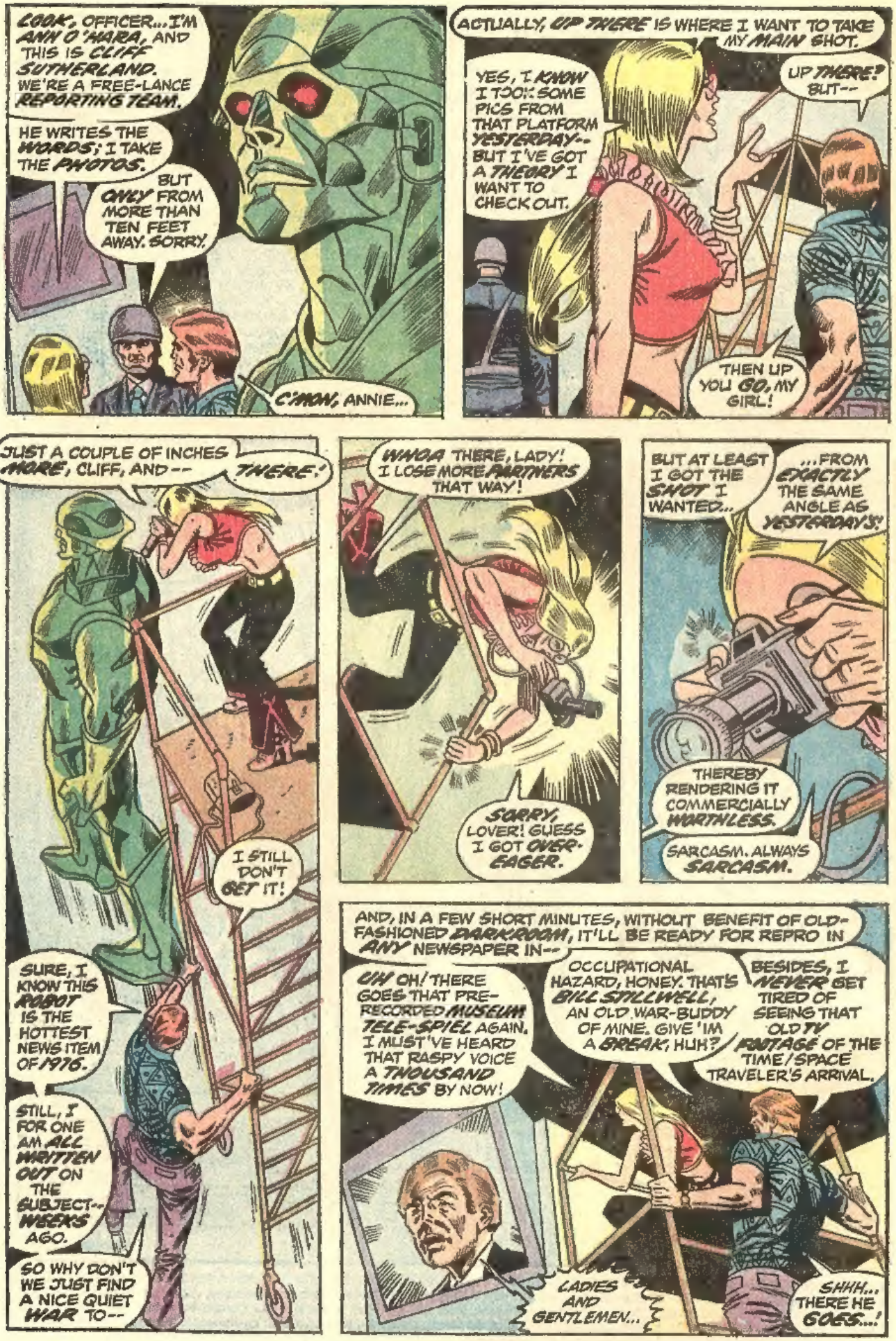
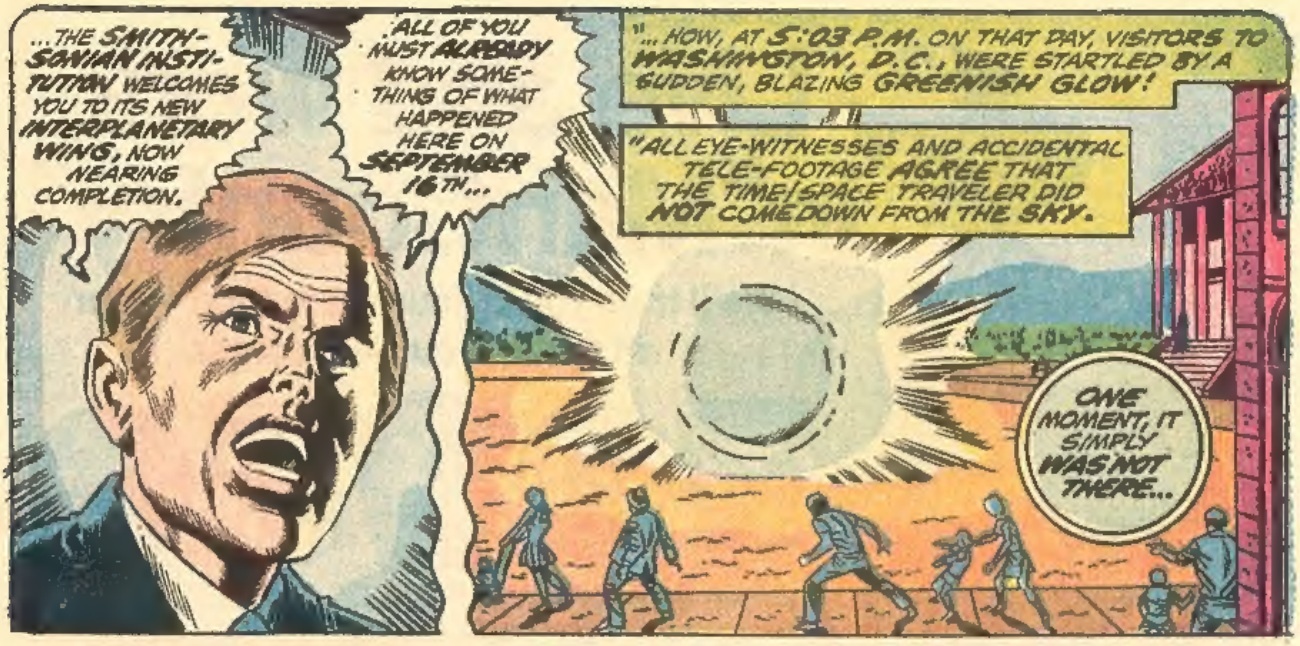
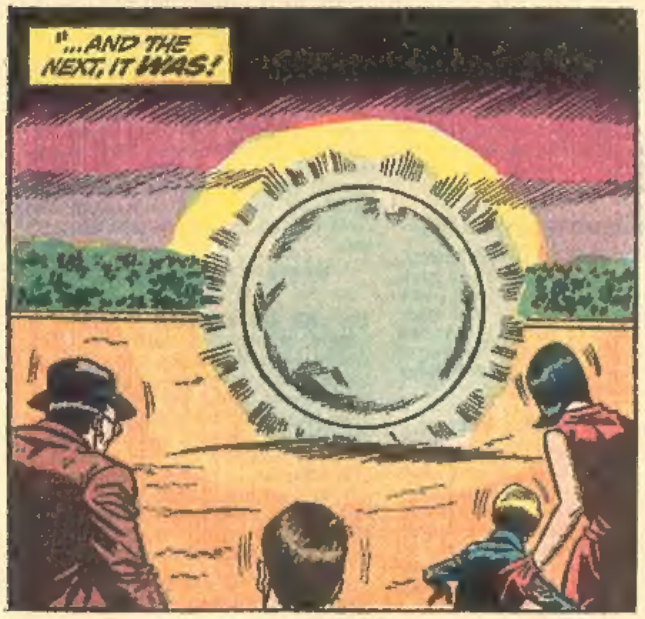

LOOK, OFFICER... I'M ANN O'HARA, AND THIS IS CLIFF SUTHERLAND. WE'RE A FREE-LANCE REPORTING TEAM.
HE WRITES THE WORDS; I TAKE THE PHOTOS.
BUT ONLY FROM MORE THAN TEN FEET AWAY. SORRY.
C'MON, ANNIE...
ACTUALLY, UP THERE IS WHERE I WANT TO TAKE MY MAIN SHOT.
YES, I KNOW I TOO!: SOME PICS FROM THAT PLATFORM YESTERDAY-- BUT I'VE GOT A THEORY I WANT TO CHECK OUT.
UP THERE? BUT--
THEN UP YOU GO, MY GIRL!
JUST A COUPLE OF INCHES MORE, CLIFF, AND-- THERE!
I STILL DON'T GET IT!
SURE, I KNOW THIS ROBOT IS THE HOTTEST NEWS ITEM OF 1976.
STILL, I FOR ONE AM ALL WRITTEN OUT ON THE SUBJECT-- WEEKS AGO.
SO WHY DON'T WE JUST FIND A NICE QUIET WAR TO--
WHOA THERE, LADY! I LOSE MORE PARTNERS THAT WAY!
SORRY, LOVER! GUESS I GOT OVER-EAGER.
BUT AT LEAST I GOT THE SHOT I WANTED...
...FROM EXACTLY THE SAME ANGLE AS YESTERDAY'S!
THEREBY RENDERING IT COMMERCIALLY WORTHLESS.
SARCASM. ALWAYS SARCASM.
AND, IN A FEW SHORT MINUTES, WITHOUT BENEFIT OF OLD-FASHIONED DARKROOM, IT'LL BE READY FOR REPRO IN ANY NEWSPAPER IN--
OH OH! THERE GOES THAT PRE-RECORDED MUSEUM TELE-SPIEL AGAIN. I MUST'VE HEARD THAT RASPY VOICE A THOUSAND TIMES BY NOW!
OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD, HONEY. THAT'S BILL STILLWELL, AN OLD WAR-BUDDY OF MINE. GIVE 'IM A BREAK; HUH?
BESIDES, I NEVER GET TIRED OF SEEING THAT OLD TV FOOTAGE OF THE TIME/SPACE TRAVELER'S ARRIVAL.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...
SHHH... THERE HE GOES...!





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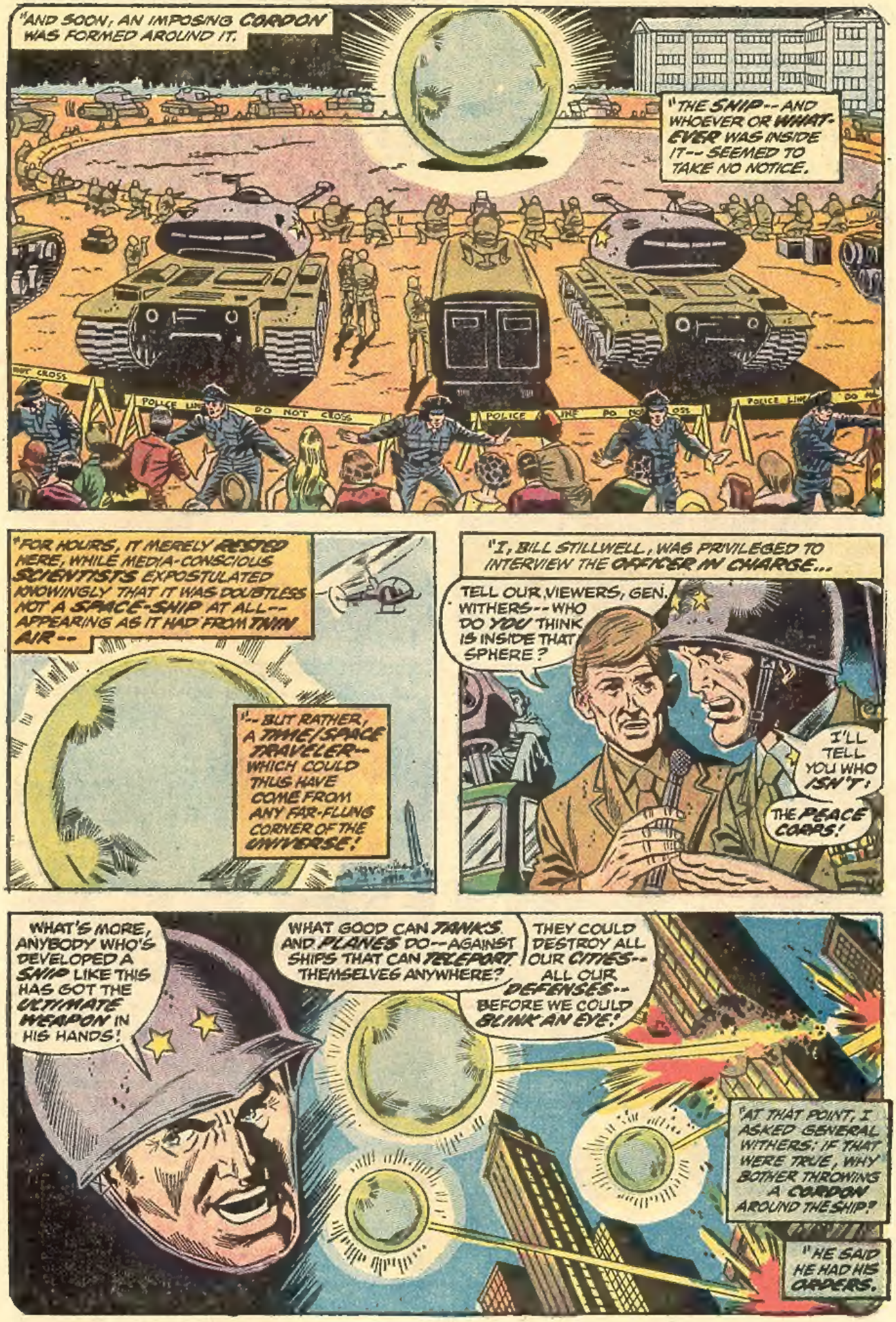
"AND SOON, AN IMPOSING CORDON WAS FORMED AROUND IT.
"THE SHIP--AND WHOEVER OR WHATEVER WAS INSIDE IT--SEEMED TO TAKE NO NOTICE.
POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS
"FOR HOURS, IT MERELY RESTED HERE, WHILE MEDIA-CONSCIOUS SCIENTISTS EXPOSTULATED KNOWINGLY THAT IT WAS DOUBTLESS NOT A SPACE-SHIP AT ALL--APPEARING AS IT HAD FROM THIN AIR--
"--BUT RATHER, A TIME/SPACE TRAVELER--WHICH COULD THUS HAVE COME FROM ANY FAR-FLUNG CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE!
"I, BILL STILLWELL, WAS PRIVILEGED TO INTERVIEW THE OFFICER IN CHARGE...
TELL OUR VIEWERS, GEN. WITHERS--WHO DO YOU THINK IS INSIDE THAT SPHERE?
I'LL TELL YOU WHO ISN'T;
THE PEACE CORPS!
WHAT'S MORE, ANYBODY WHO'S DEVELOPED A SHIP LIKE THIS HAS GOT THE ULTIMATE WEAPON IN HIS HANDS!
WHAT GOOD CAN TANKS AND PLANES DO--AGAINST SHIPS THAT CAN TELEPORT THEMSELVES ANYWHERE?
THEY COULD DESTROY ALL OUR CITIES--ALL OUR DEFENSES--BEFORE WE COULD BLINK AN EYE!
"AT THAT POINT, I ASKED GENERAL WITHERS: IF THAT WERE TRUE, WHY BOTHER THROWING A CORDON AROUND THE SHIP?
"HE SAID HE HAD HIS ORDERS.

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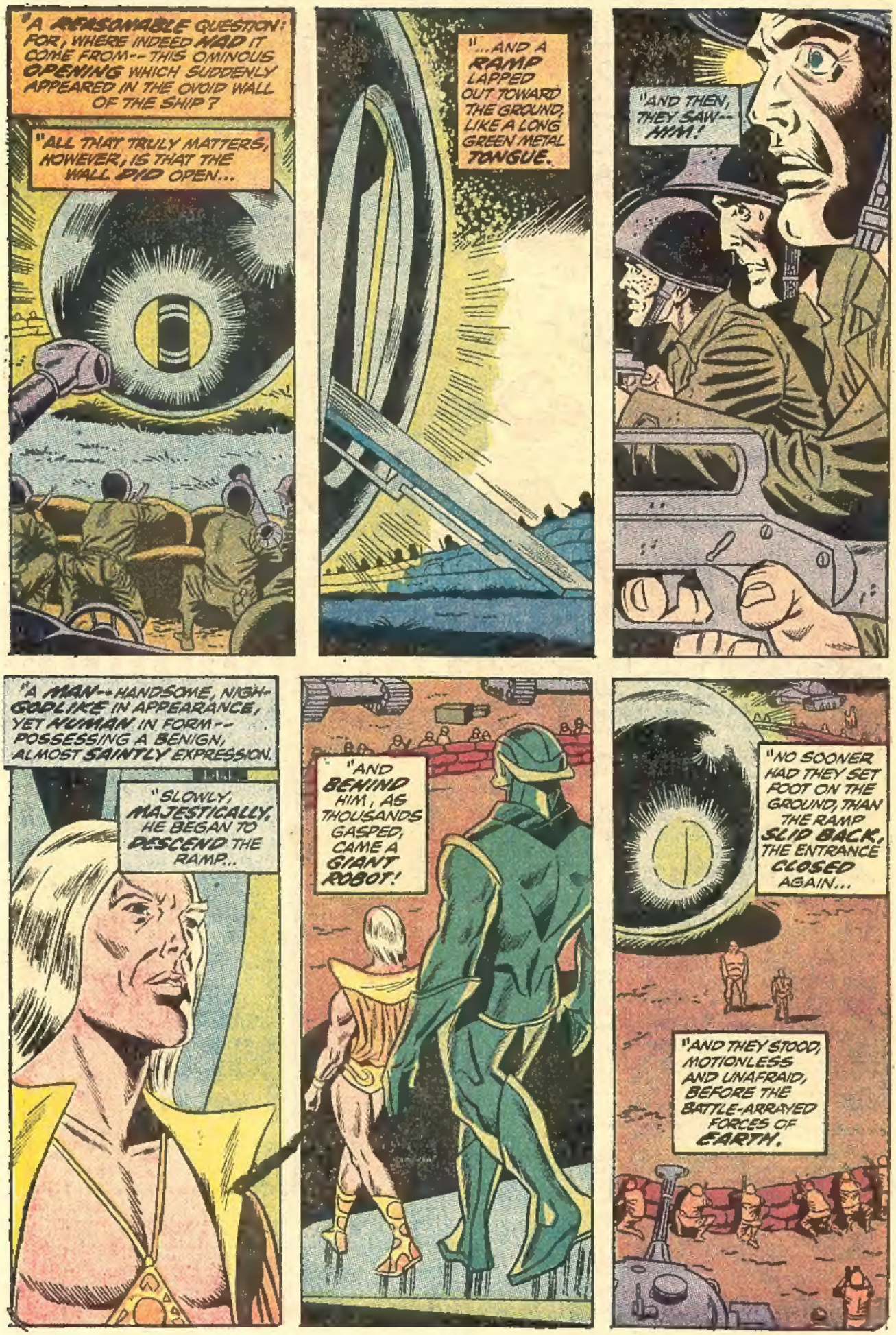
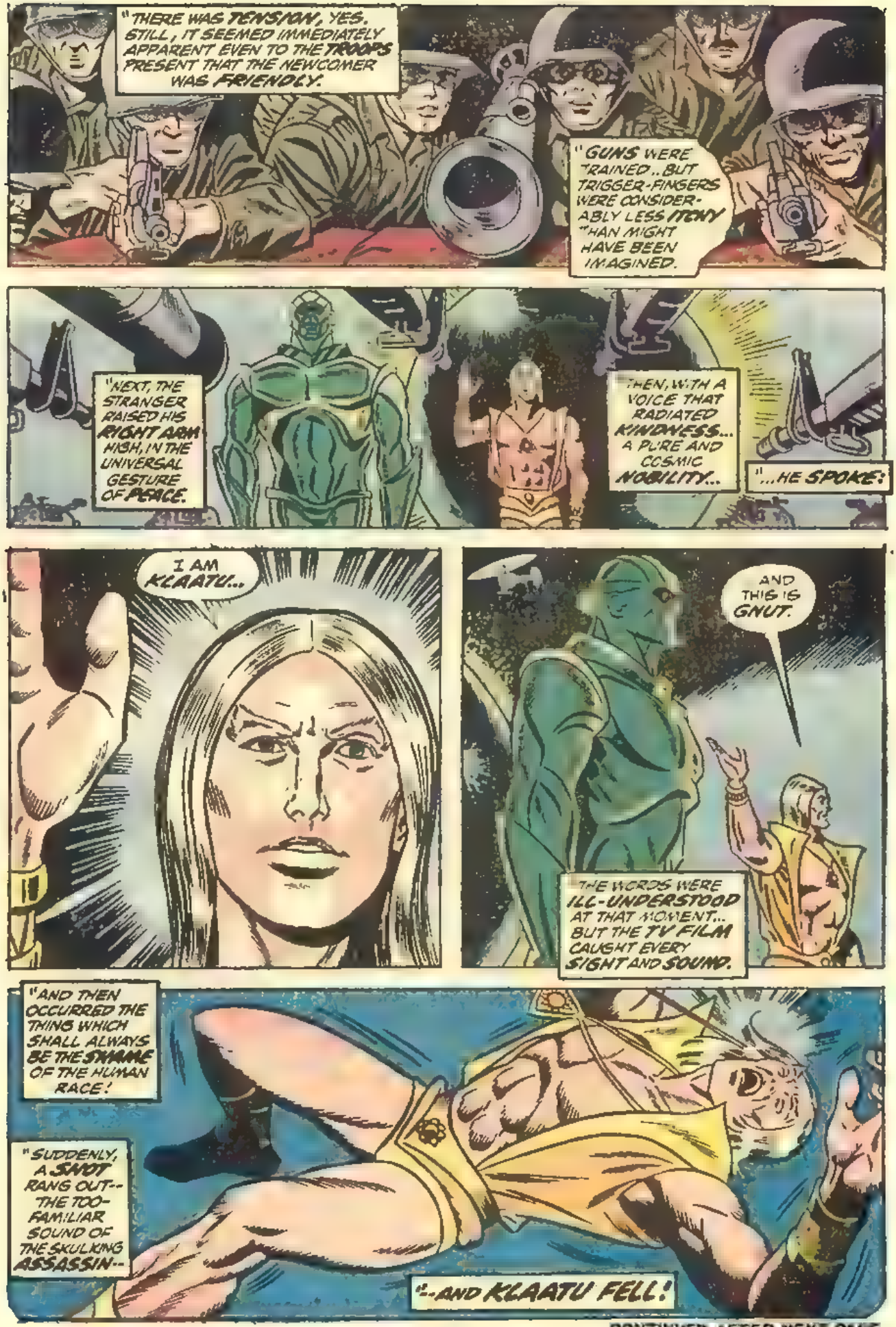

"A REASONABLE QUESTION: FOR, WHERE INDEED HAD IT COME FROM-- THIS OMINOUS OPENING WHICH SUDDENLY APPEARED IN THE OVOID WALL OF THE SHIP?
"ALL THAT TRULY MATTERS, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE WALL DID OPEN...
"...AND A RAMP LAPPED OUT TOWARD THE GROUND, LIKE A LONG GREEN METAL TONGUE.
"AND THEN, THEY SAW-- HIM!
"A MAN-- HANDSOME, NIGH-GODLIKE IN APPEARANCE, YET HUMAN IN FORM-- POSSESSING A BENIGN, ALMOST SAINTLY EXPRESSION.
"SLOWLY, MAJESTICALLY, HE BEGAN TO DESCEND THE RAMP...
"AND BEHIND HIM, AS THOUSANDS GASPED, CAME A GIANT ROBOT!
"NO SOONER HAD THEY SET FOOT ON THE GROUND, THAN THE RAMP SLID BACK, THE ENTRANCE CLOSED AGAIN...
"AND THEY STOOD, MOTIONLESS AND UNAFRAID, BEFORE THE BATTLE-ARRAYED FORCES OF EARTH.



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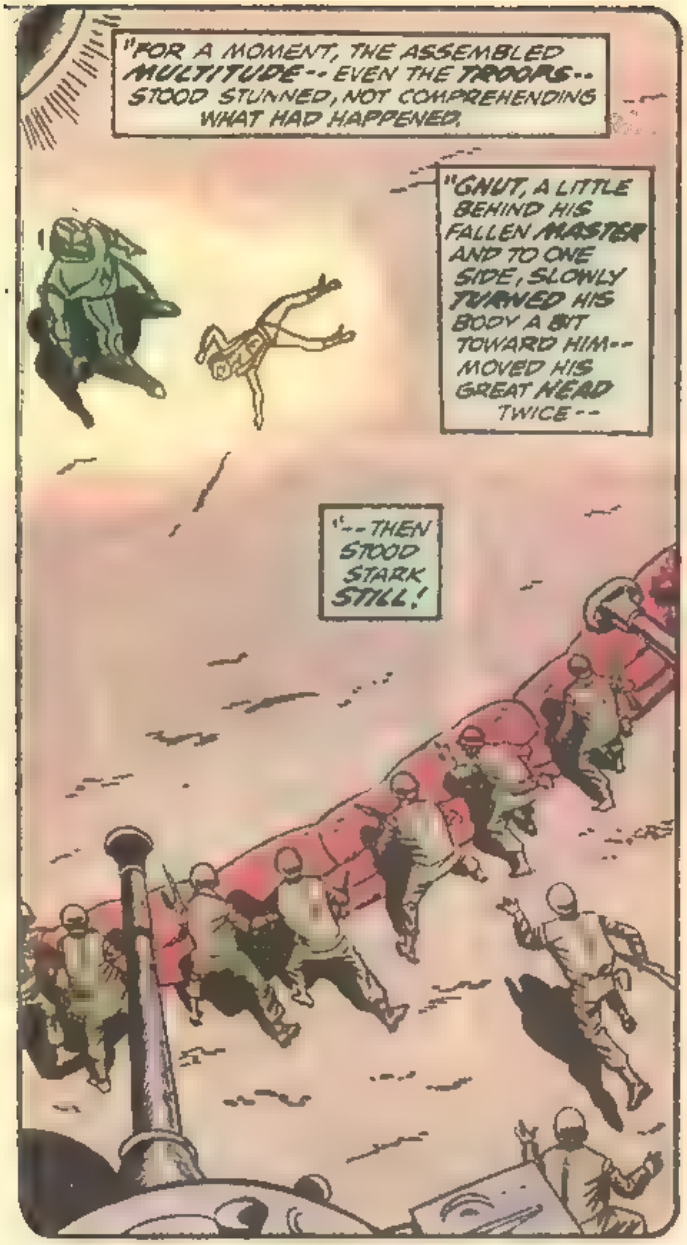
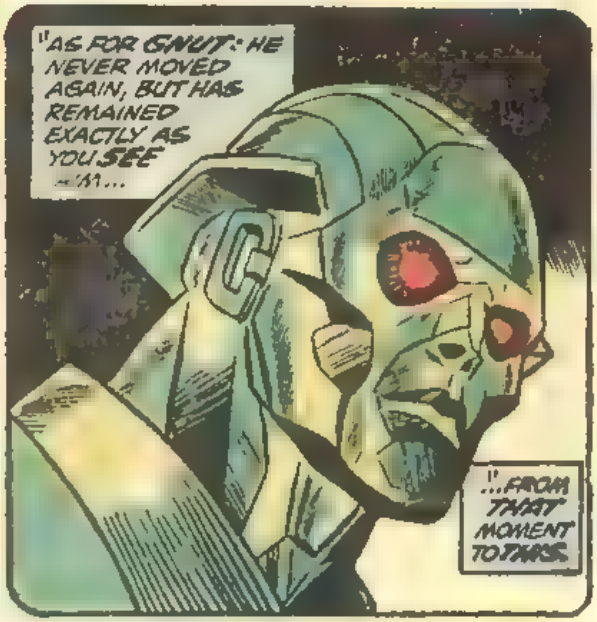
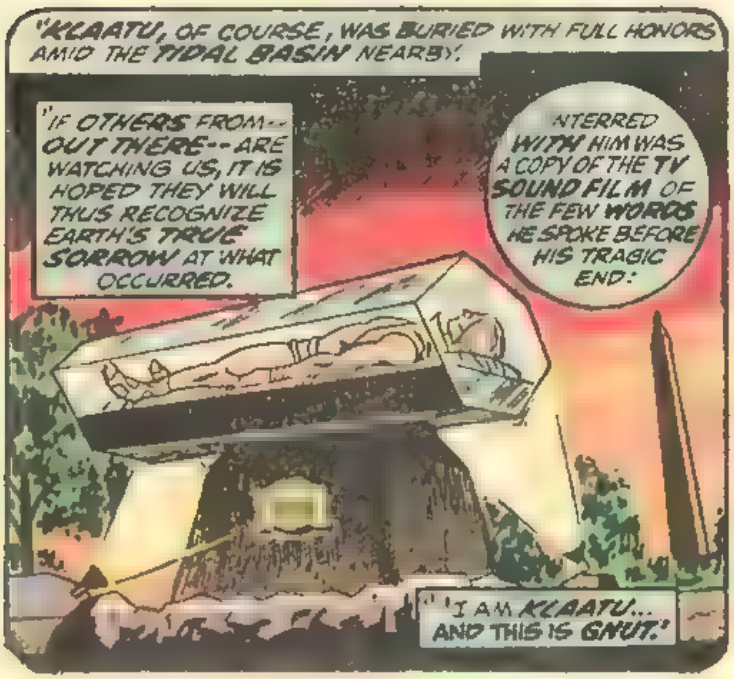
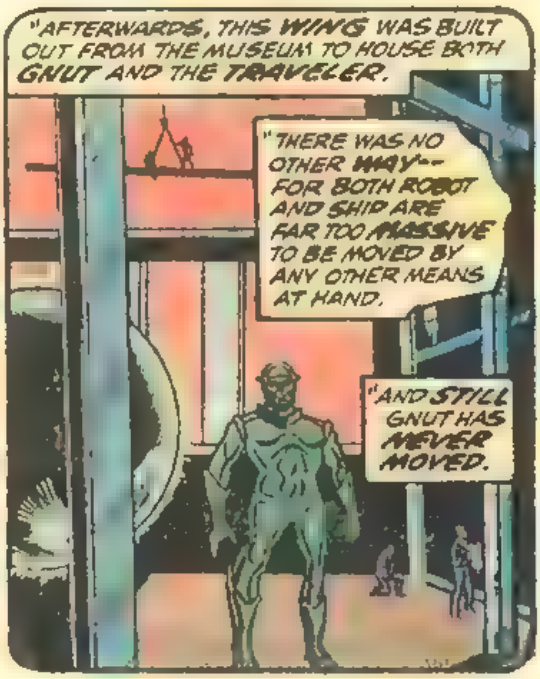
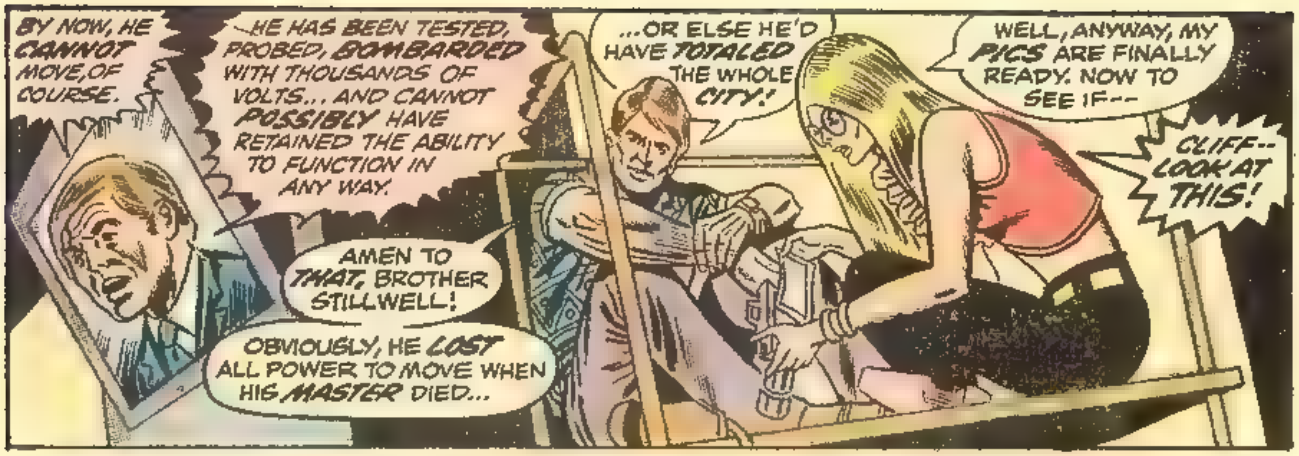

"FOR A MOMENT, THE ASSEMBLED MULTITUDE -- EVEN THE TROOPS -- STOOD STUNNED, NOT COMPREHENDING WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
"GNUT, A LITTLE BEHIND HIS FALLEN MASTER AND TO ONE SIDE, SLOWLY TURNED HIS BODY A BIT TOWARD HIM -- MOVED HIS GREAT HEAD TWICE --
"-- THEN STOOD STARK STILL!

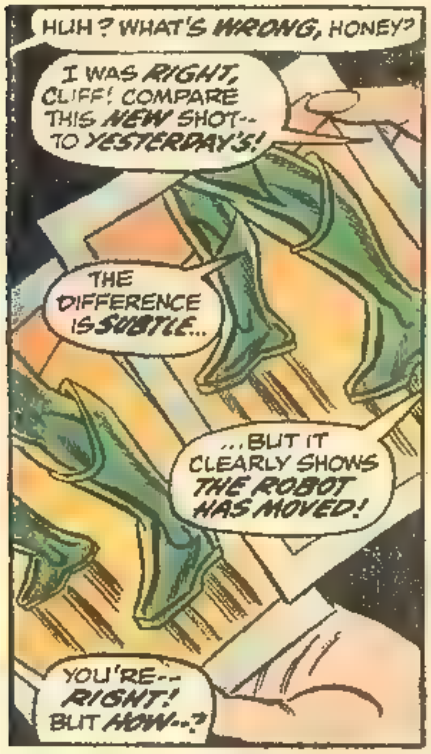
"THE POLICE CAUGHT THE SLAYER OF KLAATU.
HE WAS THE DEVIL! DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
GOD TOLD ME TO KILL HIM! GOD TOLD ME!!

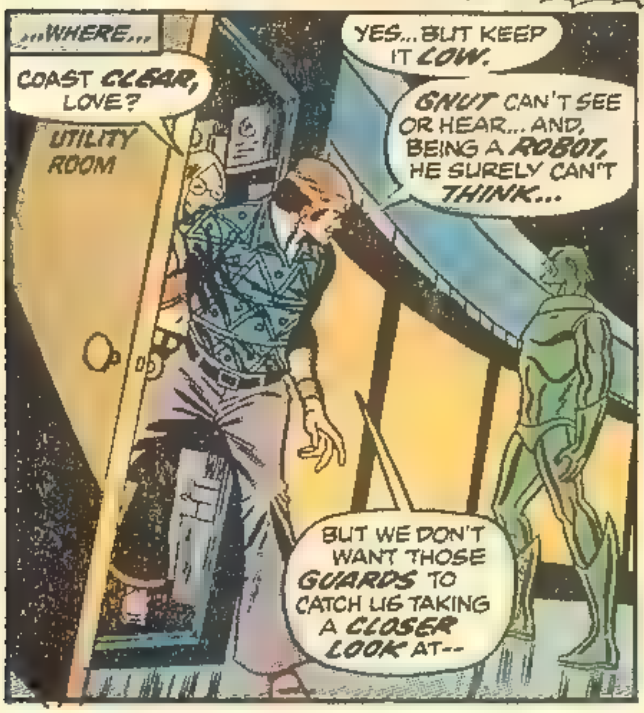

"AS FOR GNUT: HE NEVER MOVED AGAIN, BUT HAS REMAINED EXACTLY AS YOU SEE HIM...
"...FROM THAT MOMENT TO THIS.

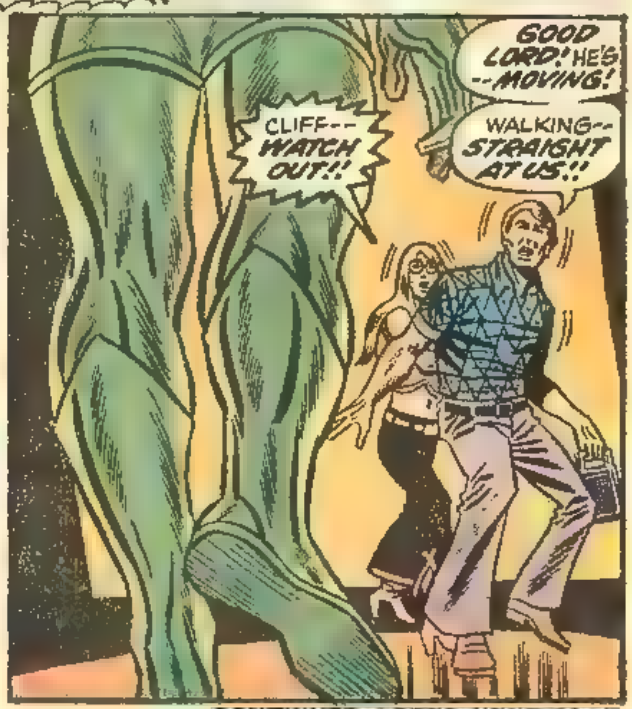

"KLAATU, OF COURSE, WAS BURIED WITH FULL HONORS AMID THE TIDAL BASIN NEARBY.
"IF OTHERS FROM -- OUT THERE -- ARE WATCHING US, IT IS HOPED THEY WILL THUS RECOGNIZE EARTH'S TRUE SORROW AT WHAT OCCURRED.
INTERRED WITH HIM WAS A COPY OF THE TV SOUND FILM OF THE FEW WORDS HE SPOKE BEFORE HIS TRAGIC END:
"I AM KLAATU... AND THIS IS GNUT!


"AFTERWARDS, THIS WING WAS BUILT OUT FROM THE MUSEUM TO HOUSE BOTH GNUT AND THE TRAVELER.
"THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY -- FOR BOTH ROBOT AND SHIP ARE FAR TOO MASSIVE TO BE MOVED BY ANY OTHER MEANS AT HAND.
"AND STILL GNUT HAS NEVER MOVED.









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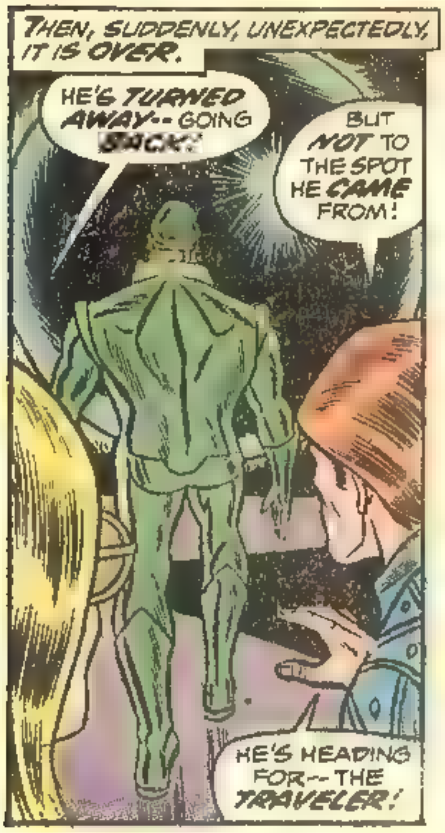
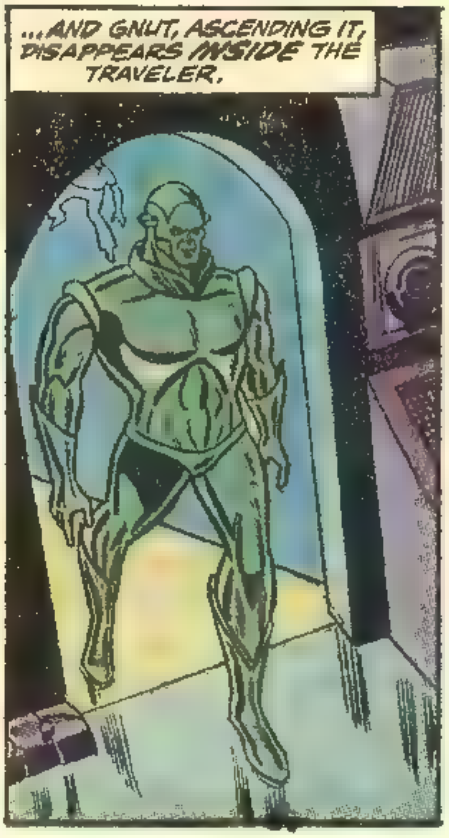
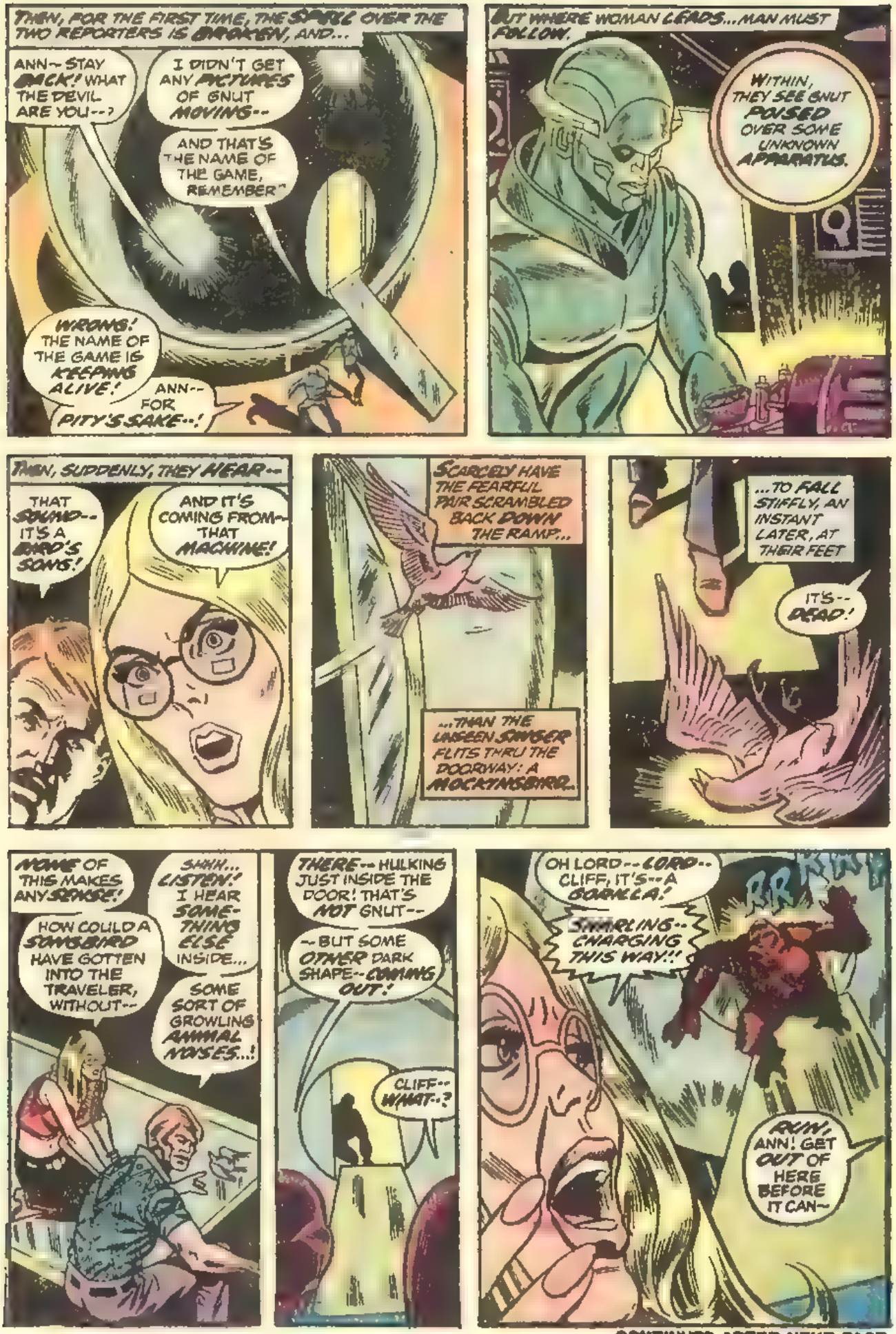

THEN, SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, IT IS OVER.
HE'S TURNED AWAY-- GOING BACK!
BUT NOT TO THE SPOT HE CAME FROM!
HE'S HEADING FOR--THE TRAVELER!

FOR A MOMENT, GNUT STANDS UNMOVING BEFORE THE GENTLY PULSING SHIP.
THEN, ABRUPTLY, AN OPENING APPEARS AGAIN-- WHERE NOT SO MUCH AS A CRACK COULD HAVE BEEN DISCERNED A SECOND BEFORE.
ONCE MORE, THE LONG METAL RAMP GLIDES DOWN...


...AND GNUT, ASCENDING IT, DISAPPEARS INSIDE THE TRAVELER.



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RRGAH
...TO HOLD HIM THERE, AS EASILY AS A CHILD MIGHT HOLD ALOFT A BOTHERSOME TOY.
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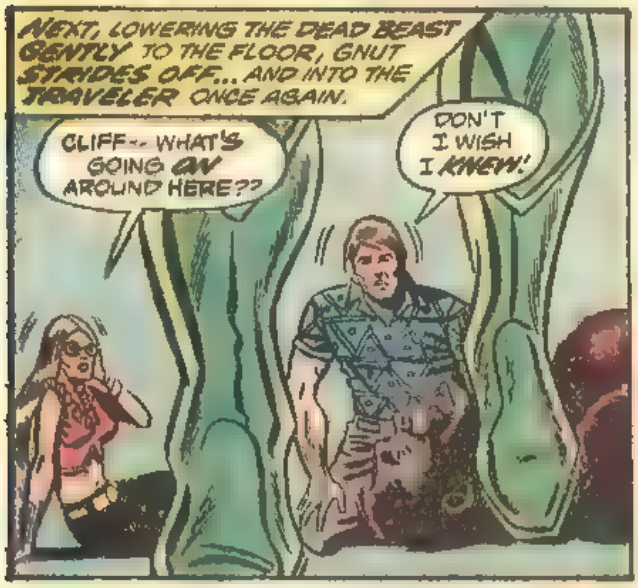

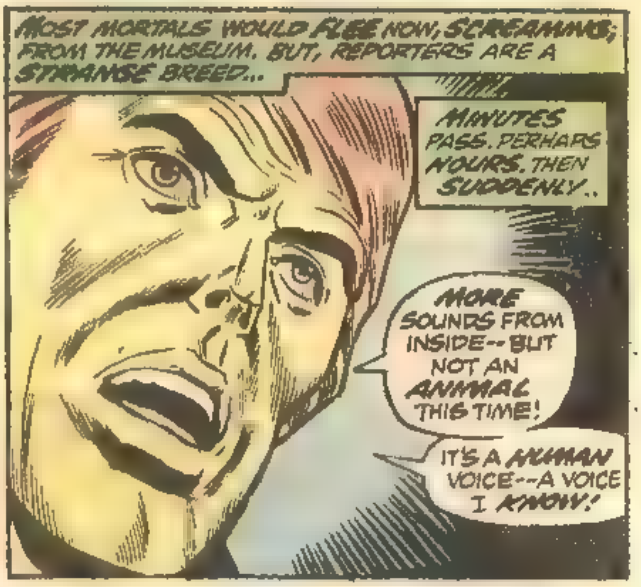

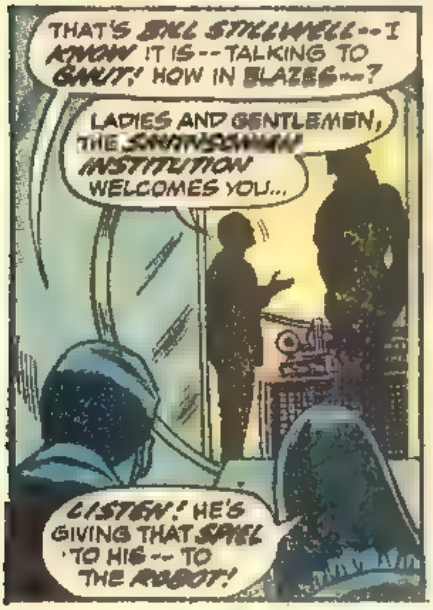

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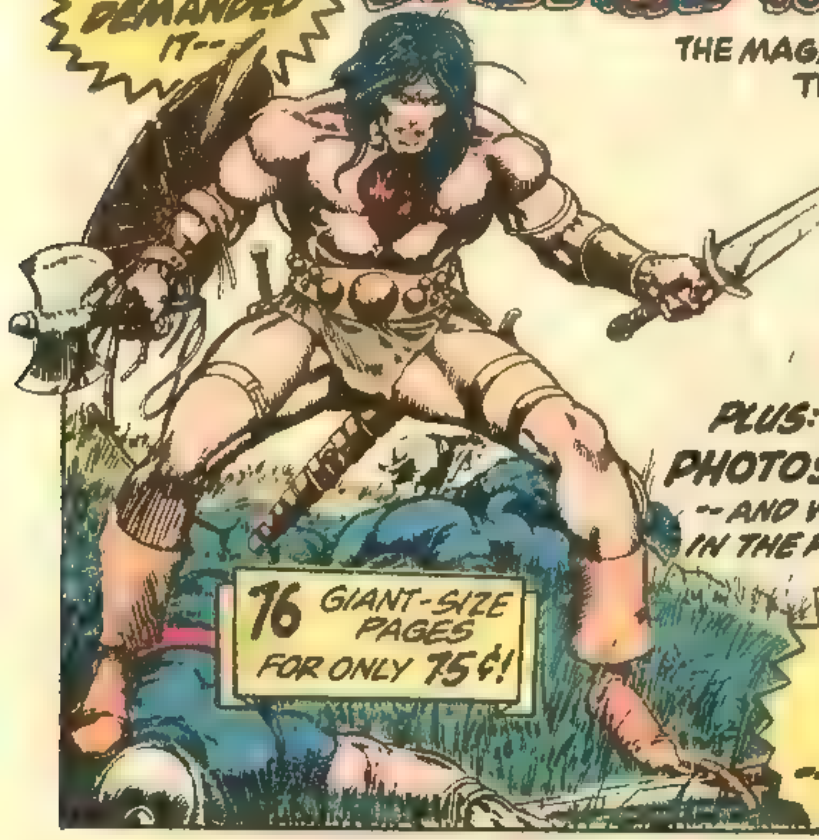

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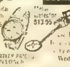

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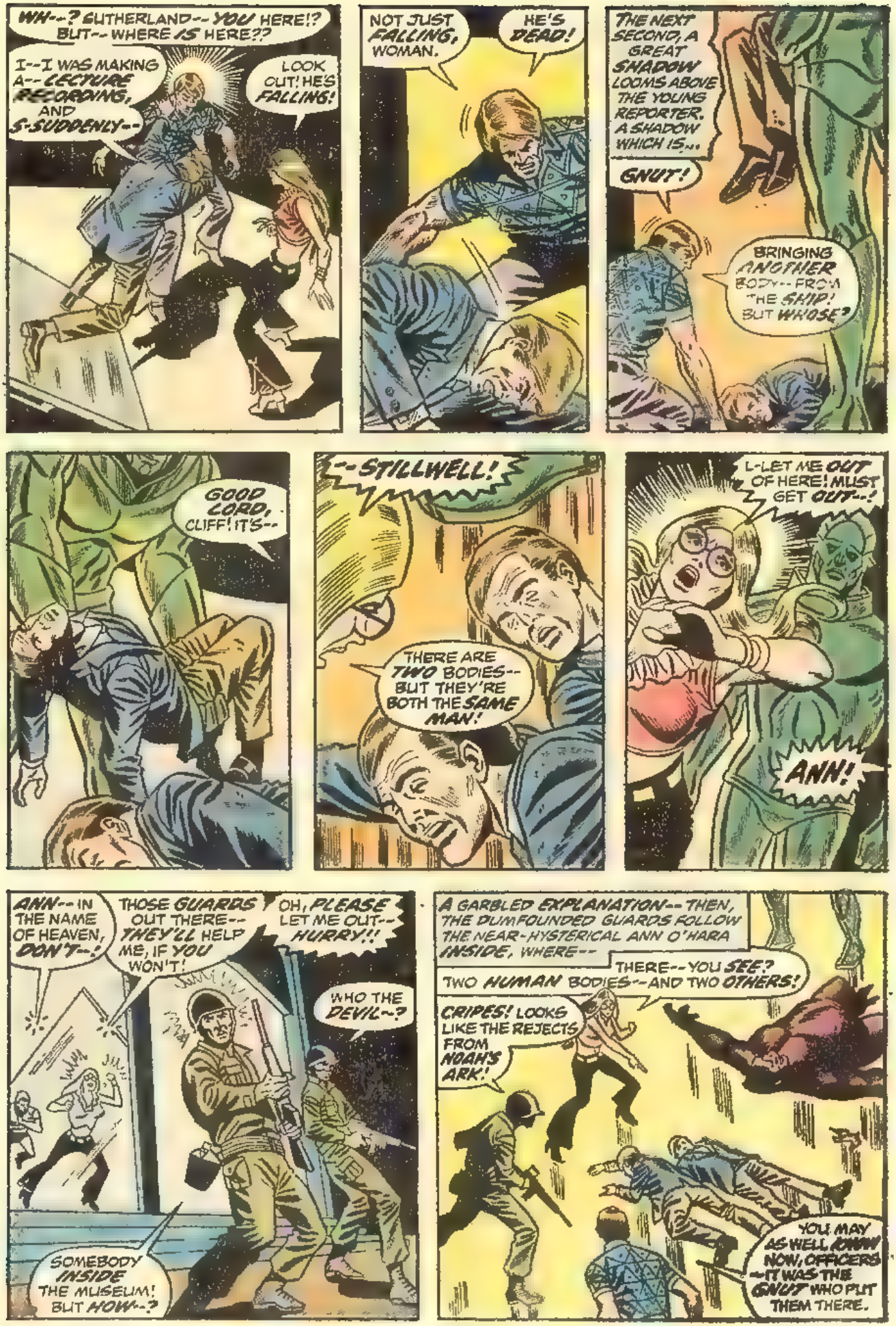
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GNUT!
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GOOD LORD, CLIFF! IT'S--
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ANN!
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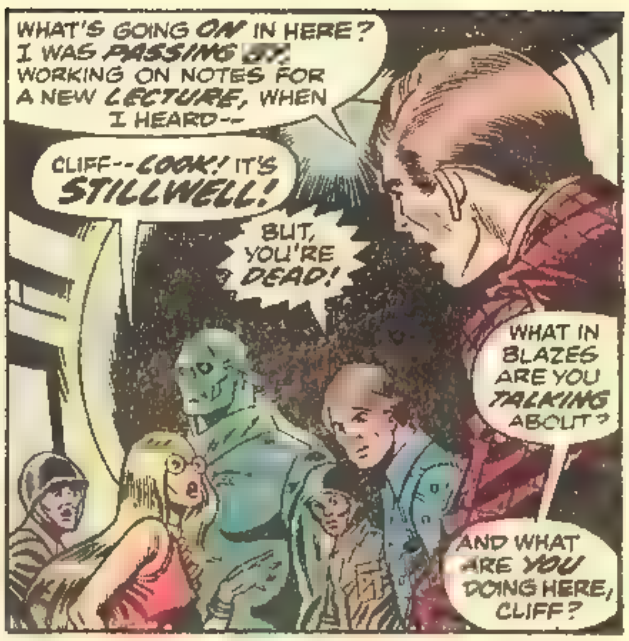

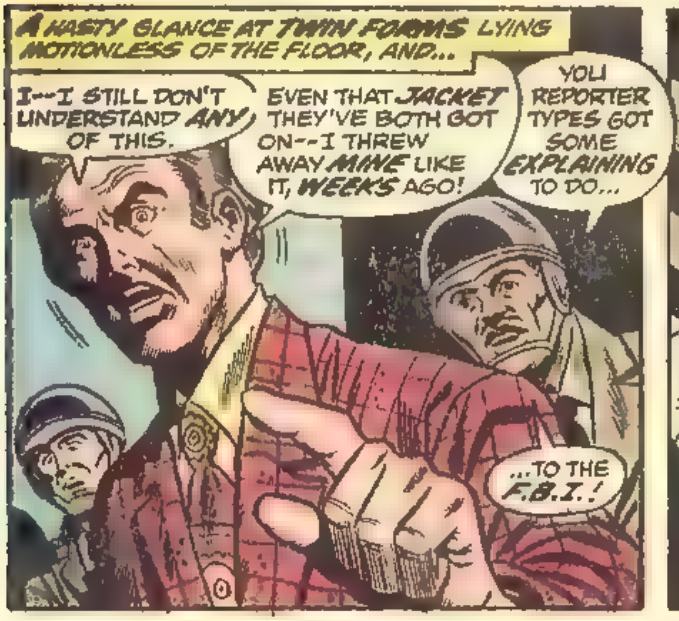

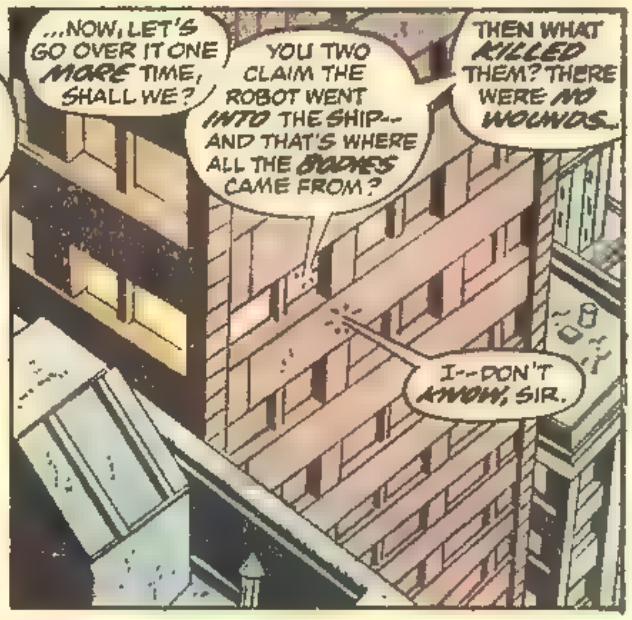

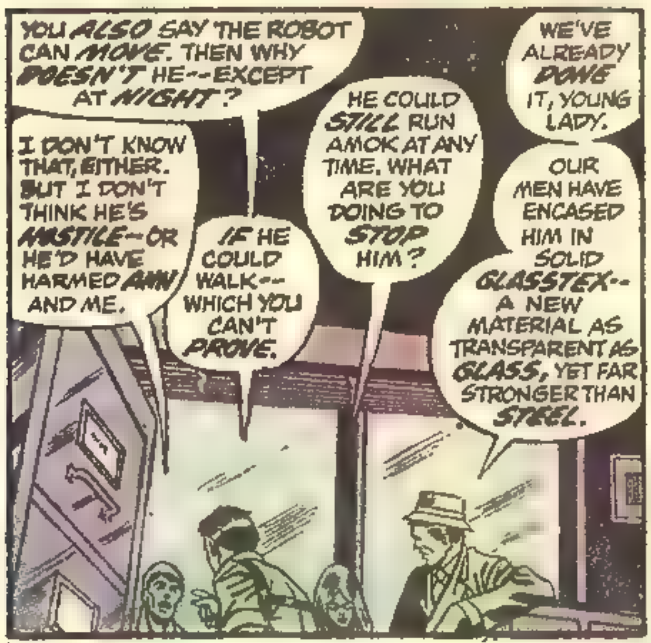

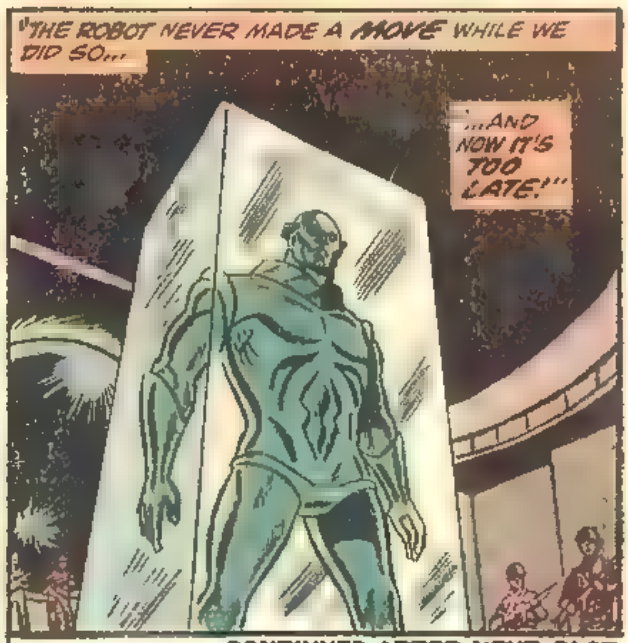

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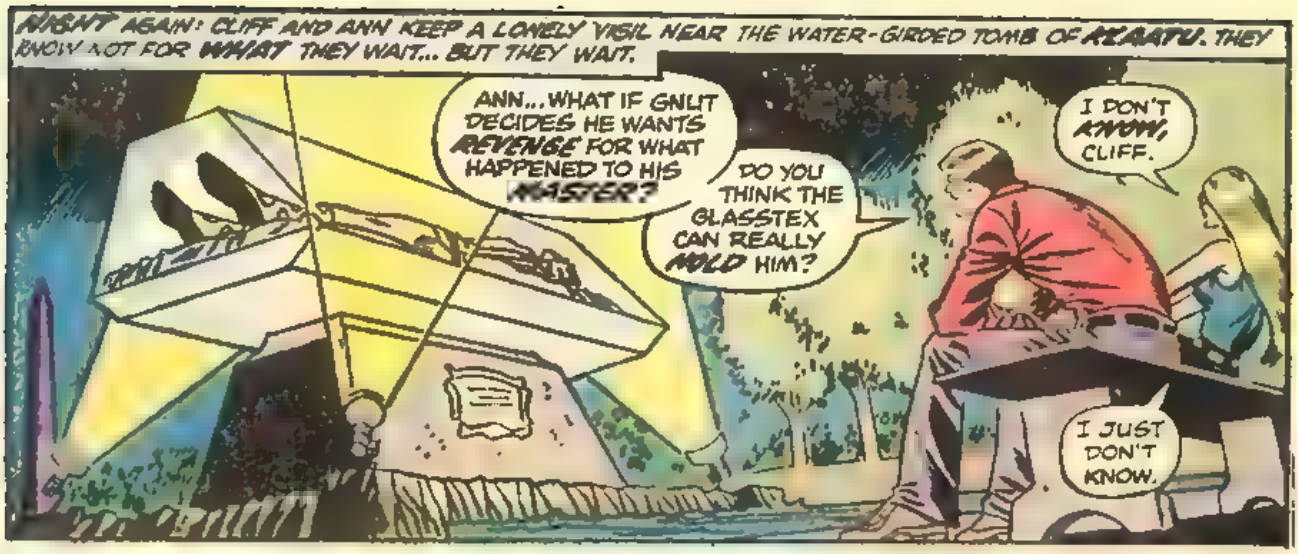

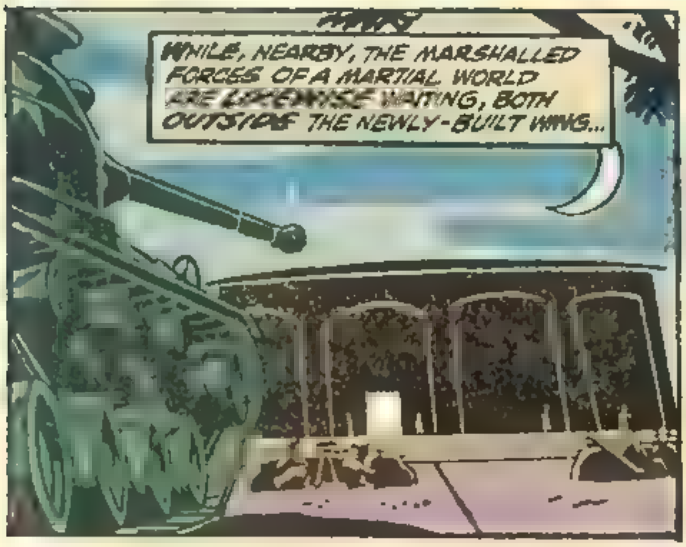

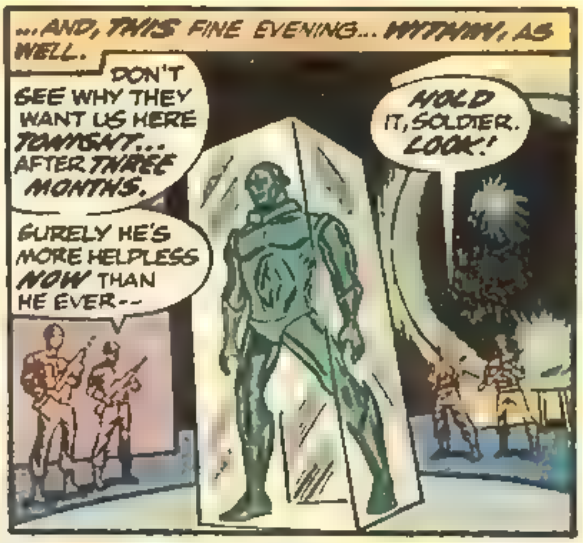

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HELLO TO THE MASTER!

In 1951, when ye editor was still a year or so shy of being officially a teenager (the word "teenybopper" hadn't yet been invented), I had what is still one of the greatest thrills of my life as a fair-to-middling science-fiction buff.

I saw "The Day the Earth Stood Still" for the first time.

A few months before, I'd been frightened out of my young wits (such as they were at the time) by Howard Hawkes' "The Thing from Another World," as a vampiric Frankensteinian carrot threatened to devour a whole Arctic-base-full of soldiers.

But, like the thrown rider who mounts his horse again lest he develop a fear of horses, I instinctively knew that I *had* to go see this new s-f fright-film, and so . . .

I was rewarded. Michael Rennie intrigued. Patricia Neal fascinated. The flying saucer stunned. And Gort, the giant robot from another star—well, he was Gort. What else can I say?

For years afterward, I look haphazardly from time to time for the original story, "Farewell to the Master," on which the movie had been based—but it wasn't until quite recently that, paging thru a copy of a Modern Library Giant rather forebodingly called *Famous Science Fiction Stories* at Gerry Conway's apartment, I stumbled upon it. From that moment on, it was a foregone conclusion: If the rights to "Farewell" were available, I wanted to adapt it for Marvel's fledgling fantasy title, WORLDS UNKNOWN.

Never mind that Hollywood, in enlarging upon the bare plot of the story, had likewise reduced its scope by making Klaatu, and not the eight-foot robot, the Master of the title. Never mind that it was murked up a bit at the end (à la "The Incredible Shrinking Man" of a few years later) by a misbegotten "message," 1950's style. This was The Story.

So, imagine my shock when I discovered, upon snooping around, that author Harry Bates—the *same* Harry Bates who had been creator and first editor of *Astounding*, one of the finest s-f pulps of all time, back in the early 1930's—was alive and well and living in good ol' Gotham itself! Not only that, but he was genial and loquacious—and quite happy to see his much-praised but seldom-reprinted tale adapted into comics form, especially insofar as I had made clear my intention to be much more faithful to the original than had the moguls of Movieland!

I set to work at once. Ross Andru—who had never seen the film and thus could not be corrupted or otherwise influenced by what had gone before—worked with me as penciler. Then along came young Wayne Howard, once a disciple of another sometime Bullpenner named Wally Wood—who volunteered to ink the story.

And here it is.

All intact, I think, except for what I hope will be considered relatively minor alterations: the addition of a girl friend for the hero, more to give him someone to talk to than to provide sex appeal; a bit of telescoping to get the whole thing into twenty too-brief pages; and a most reverent re-writing of an important line or two for the sake of clarity in a new and different format. Comics, after all, are *not* entirely a filmic medium, whatever some folks may say. At least, that's far from the *only* way to look at them.

After much thought and soul-searching, I even left the robot's name as Gnut, as author Bates had originally penned it, in the interests of fidelity—despite the fact that this word can look and sound a bit humorous to those who have a bent that way. A classic is a classic is a classic, after all . . . and nobody's ever tried to change the name Frankenstein just because someone might think it was Jewish.

This one's dedicated to you, Harry Bates—with respect and thanks.

I hope you like it.

—Roy Thomas

And now, without further ado, here are a few random comments from the Mount Everest of epistles we received on the premiere phantasmagorical issue of WORLDS UNKNOWN, the first comic-book ever to pursue a policy of every-issue adaptations of an infinite variety of top-notch science-fiction stories. *Voila:*

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Yocel Alonso, Houston, Texas

I love you guys for this. WORLDS UNKNOWN is probably the gutsiest thing Marvel has ever done. Such unselfishness and artistic courage is enough to provoke a letter from this normally lazy individual. Everybody knows s-f doesn't sell! What's the matter with you guys?? —Beautiful. Just beautiful.

Jim Whelan, Richmond Hill, NY

A suggestion for the future: Adapt some longer stories than these, perhaps even spreading the stories out over two or three issues to achieve a more detailed, more subtle effect.

Bill Clodius, Neward, Del.

Gil Kane's adaptation of Hamilton's "He That Hath Wings" was even more beautiful than Reese's Wolverton-like style on the Pohl story. Kane seems to have a full understanding of freedom and a sense of wonder. He is one of the few artists who could have successfully drawn and scripted this particular story.

Dave Billman, Norton, Ohio

I'm worried by the way "monster-ness" is being played up. Your cover suggests some sort of monster-from-outer-space story. I'd rather have no magazine at all than one that has to slip in straight s-f in the midst of endless monsters and menaces. Otherwise, you seem to be off to a good start. Both stories were excellent. Though it's embarrassing to confess, I had never understood the purpose of Pohl's "The Day after the Day the Martians Came" until I read Gerry's adaptation.

Brian Earl Brown, Mishawaka, Ind.

WORLDS UNKNOWN was every bit as good as SUPERNATURAL THRILLERS #1, which says a lot all by itself.

C. Talley, Inglewood, Calif.

Even my wife, who thinks I am slightly potty for reading comics, enjoyed WORLDS UNKNOWN. A first!

R. F. Spradlin, Dallas, Texas

I very much enjoyed your first issue of WORLDS UNKNOWN. And yes (just to relieve your mind), I did buy the book.

Gail Teague, Fresno, Calif.

A suggestion. Whenever possible, the stories in WORLDS UNKNOWN should be current, contemporary, stimulating s-f instead of "classics" from the 1930's

R. E. Miller, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Harlan Ellison once said about his book *Dangerous Visions*: "What you hold in your hands is more than a book. If we are lucky, it is a revolution." And, if we are lucky, WORLDS UNKNOWN will be a revolution in comic-books.

J. Wayne Sadler, Jacksonville, Fla.

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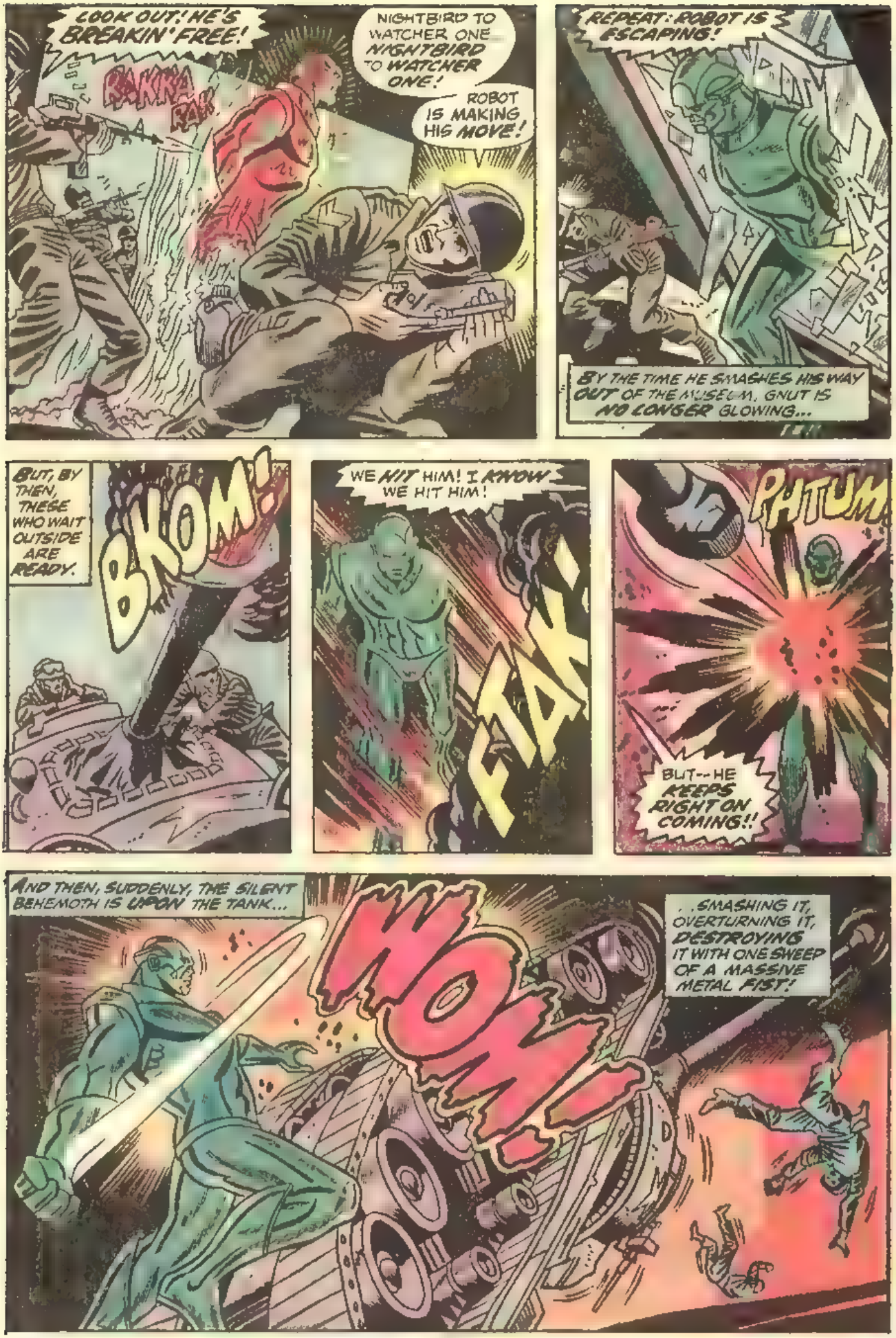
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BKOM!
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FAK!
PHTUM
BUT--HE KEEPS RIGHT ON COMING!!
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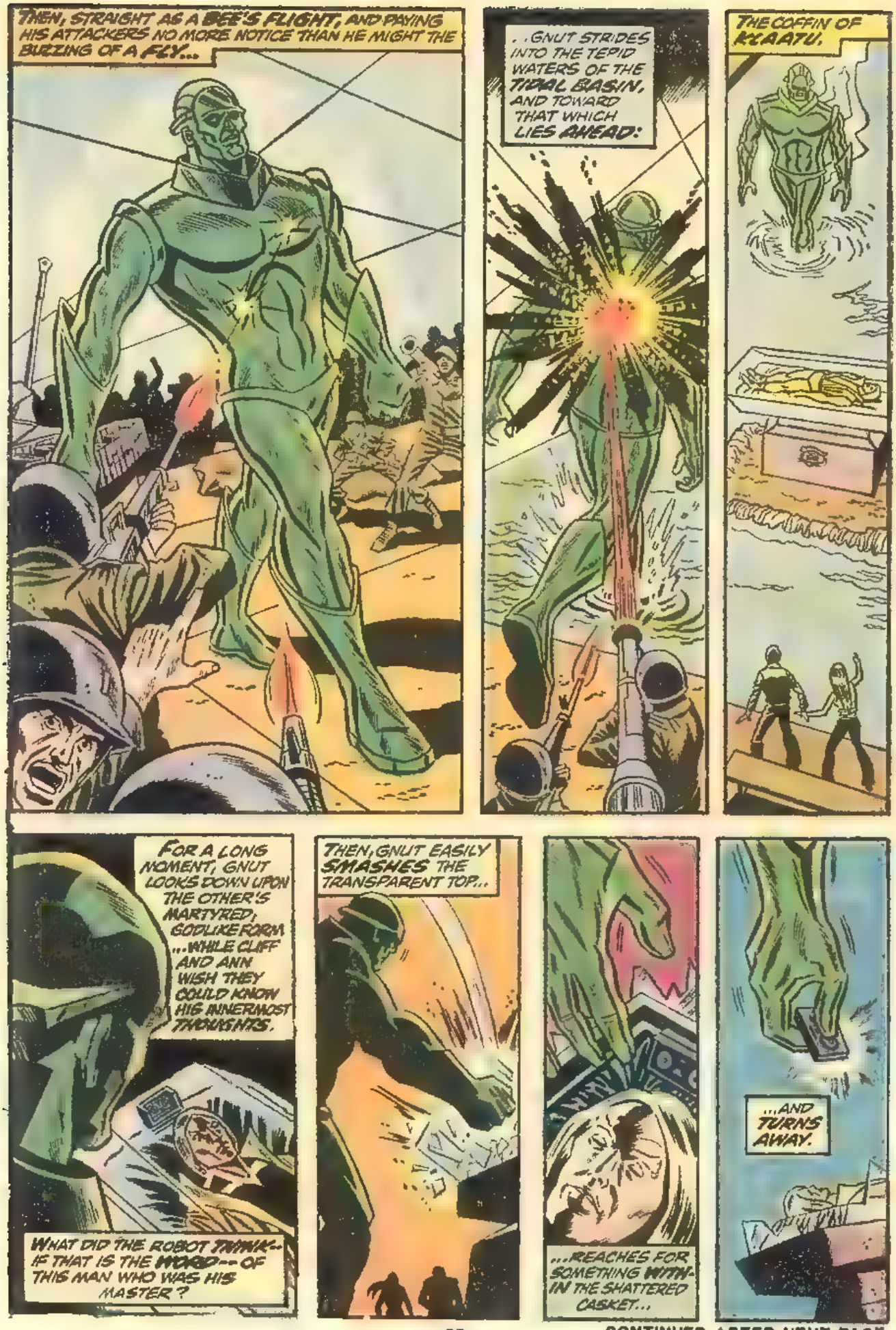

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ANN--THAT BRIEF-CASE! SOMEONE LOST A BRIEFCASE YESTERDAY...
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CLIFF--LOOK!
THAT THING GNUT TOOK FROM THE CASKET...
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...AND THIS IS GNUT.
IT'S KLAATU HIMSELF--
--ALIVE!?
YES. BUT NOT THE KLAATU WHO STILL LIES IN HIS TOMB!
THAT KLAATU IS DEAD AND I...
...I AM DYING.
I--I DON'T--
NO, OF COURSE NOT. GNUT RE-CREATED ME...AND THE OTHER LIFE-FORMS YOU SAW LAST NIGHT...FROM SOUND-TAPES, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THAT BRIEFCASE YONDER.
BUT, THERE WERE IMPER-FECTIONS ON THE TAPES--SO HIS RE-CREATIONS ALL DIED.
AS I MUST DIE, ERE LONG.

IF ONLY I COULD LIVE LONGER! WE SO MUCH TO ASK EACH OTHER... ABOUT YOUR CIVILIZATION... AND GNUT'S...
AND YOURS, KLAATU!
...AND GNUT'S...!
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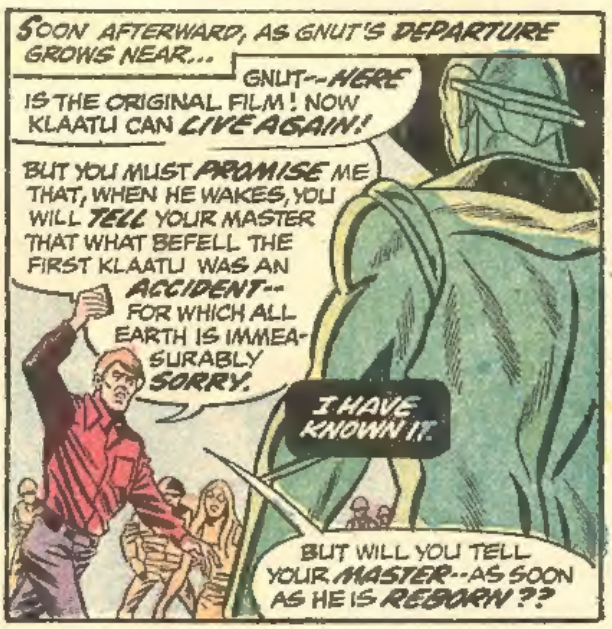
YES! AND THIS TIME, ONE WHO MIGHT LIVE FOR YEARS!
THEN GET ME THAT APPARATUS, HUMANS!

STUNNED AT HEARING THE ROBOT'S HARSH METALLIC VOICE AFTER SO LONG, THE TWO MORTALS TURN IN SHOCK...
I SAID-- GET ME THAT APPARATUS!
WE--WILL, GNUT! WE SWEAR IT!


SOON AFTERWARD, AS GNUT'S DEPARTURE GROWS NEAR...
GNUT--HERE IS THE ORIGINAL FILM! NOW KLAATU CAN LIVE AGAIN!
BUT YOU MUST PROMISE ME THAT, WHEN HE WAKES, YOU WILL TELL YOUR MASTER THAT WHAT BEFELL THE FIRST KLAATU WAS AN ACCIDENT-- FOR WHICH ALL EARTH IS IMMEASURABLY SORRY.
I HAVE KNOWN IT.
BUT WILL YOU TELL YOUR MASTER--AS SOON AS HE IS REBORN??

YOU MISUNDERSTAND, HUMAN...
GNUT SPEAKS SEVEN WORDS MORE THEN, WHICH THE CROWD NEARBY DOES NOT HEAR...

...THEN TURNS AND RE-ENTERS THE TRAVELER, AS CLIFF SUTHERLAND STAGGERS AWAY...
...WRONG! WE WERE ALL...SO TERRIBLY WRONG...!
CLIFF-- WHAT IS IT?

THE SHIP IS VANISHING-- GOING BACK TO ITS OWN WORLD!
BUT WHAT DID THE ROBOT SAY TO YOU-- TO MAKE YOU TURN SO DEATHLY PALE?
HE SAID: "YOU MISUNDERSTAND, HUMAN...

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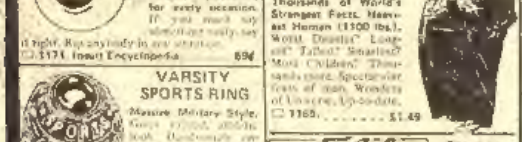

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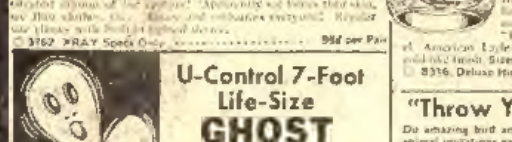

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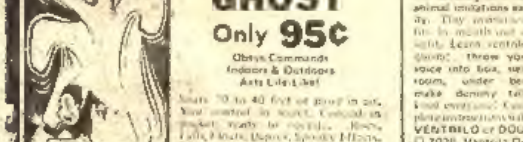

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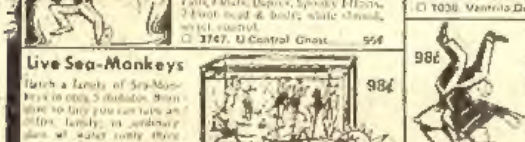

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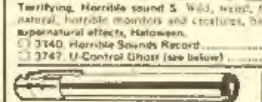

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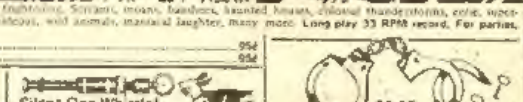

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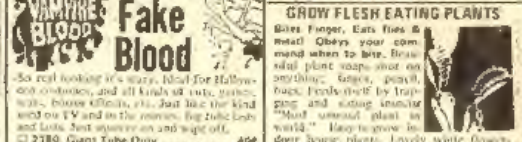

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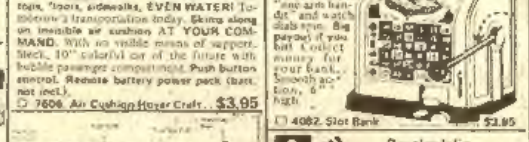

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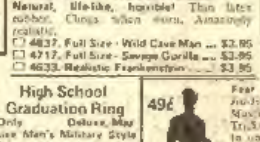

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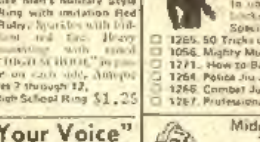

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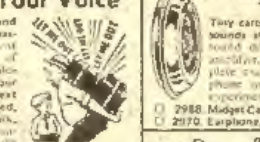

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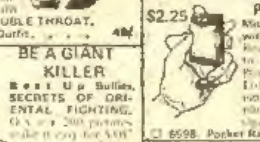

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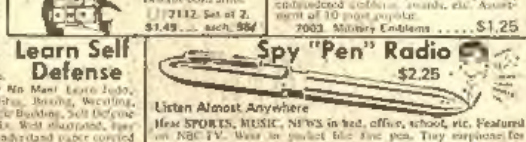

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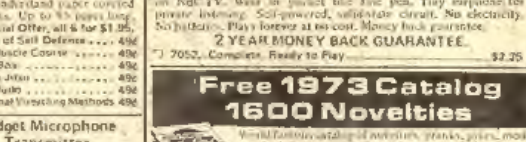

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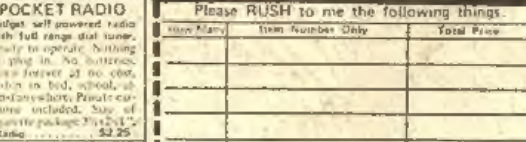

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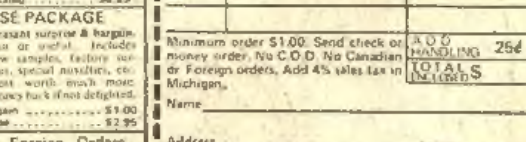

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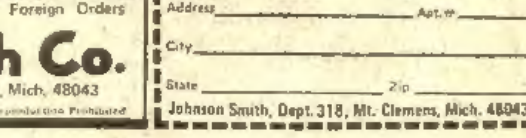

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